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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 12, 13, 15-17, 27, 28, 30-32, and 39 are pending.

In the Office Action dated 9/3/2004, the Examiner listed a number of informalities with the specification and claims, namely claims 4, 5, 16, 17, 31, and 32. Applicant has amended the specification and claims 4, 5, 16, 17, 31, and 32 generally in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions with some exceptions. For example, in claim 4, line 1, after "wherein," the limitation "an inner portion of" has been inserted in place of the Examiner's suggestion to be more consistent with the terminology used in the specification, see e.g., page 17, line 4 of the specification.

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims, namely claims 1, 3-5, 12, 13, 15-17, 27, 28, 30-32, and 39, are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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